GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MINING IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether mining in different parts of the country is still continuing despite orders of the Supreme Court against it;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check the illegal mining; and

(c) the progress made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests has no information on the extent of illegal mining going on in the country in violation of the order of the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India in W.P. (C) No. 460 of 2004 in the matter of Goa Foundation Vs. Union of India. However, pursuant to the Supreme Court order, the Ministry has issued specific directions to all the State/Union Territory Governments under Section (5) of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to stop mining being operated in violation of environmental laws.